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1. A large fire broke out on 7 March 1952 at Kroeslin, near Wolgast. All the firemen from Wolgast and the fire-fighting train of the Sea Police went to it. Shortly after the departure of the Sea Police train, fires broke out in several places at once in the Sea Police barracks at Wolgast and spread rapidly. Three thousand small packets of uniforms, a million DM in a safe, all the rigging and equipment for cutters, and all the spare parts for the model 20 guns and model 37 tommy guns were burned. All the members of the Sea Police and available ship crews helped to fight the fire. The guard on the pier noticed that the minesweeper R2 was hanging heavily on its line and sounded the alarm that the ship was taking water. The seacocks had been opened. They were able to close them. On the next morning, when a guard was posted at the high explosive magazine, a pile of oil-soaked rags was found that had been put there to start a fire.
2. This is the second time that a fire has broken out on the premises of the Sea Police. About a month earlier, there was an explosion in a small wooden ammunition magazine which did much damage. However, this affair was pretty well hushed up. After this latest disaster, the crew of the R2 was arrested together with other members of the Sea Police, including some officers.

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